

Shutford's Annual Parish Meeting took place in the village hall on Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 8.00pm. Present with Cllr A Taylor in the chair were Cllrs Mrs A Duffield, Miss H Gibbs Mrs L Parsons, Mr M Goldie & Mrs R Hancock. County Cllr George Reynolds, District Cllr D Webb and 5 residents. Apologies from Cllr J Yeomans

37/15 The minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting were signed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Hancock seconded by Cllr Goldie

### **38/15 Chairman's Report.**

Once again the main highway concern was potholes and speeding  
Grants were made to Shutford News, British Legion and the Village Hall with the precept being kept at £6000.

The village plan is in abeyance .

11 planning applications have been dealt with, 5 have been passed with no PC objections, 5 are still being considered and 1 refused following PC objections.. The appeal against the solar farm on Long Hill has been dismissed.

The telephone box has now been restored and is in place on the Jame Corner and the PC is open to suggestions as to its use.

A litter pick was arranged that collected the usual bags of debris mainly from the roads outside the village

The Chairman ended by thanking his fellow Councillors, especially Lynne Parsons & John Yeomans for their reports on the Council's assets, the Clerk and other residents for their help during the year especially those who keep the flower tubs looking nice

**39/15 Ironstone mining OCC** had issued a prohibition notice which has been upheld by the Sec of State so the threat to the village has been lifted. The Chairman thanked all those in the village who were involved in campaign to stop the mining.

**40/15 Village Hall** The Council had been approached last year by the Village Hall committee to raise a Public Works Loan of £150,000 to be paid back over 25 years through the precept in order for the rebuilding of the hall to go ahead. The committee has raised £130,000 through fund raising and donations. The Council had agreed in principle subject to the approval of the village through an independent survey.

**41/15 Village Plan** This is on hold until the CDC's Local plan is agreed.

**42/15 Accounts** for 2014/2015 The accounts were agreed after a proposal by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Hancock. Although there was a healthy amount in the bank it was noted that £370 was earmarked for the Telephone Box, £500 for the Village Plan, £300 for the war memorial and £1000 for possible works to the Dairyground.

**43/15 Village matters** Mr Cadbury explained the reasons why he and Mr Rootes had agreed to donate money to the village hall fund. In their opinion it was the time to rebuild the hall, not to keep trying to patch it up. He emphasised the money would not be available for anything other than a rebuild. The Chairman thanked him for the information.

The meeting ended at 8.15pm.

